

SPORTS

WORLD RECORD FOR ARCHER

Yelena Marin, 20-year-old college student of Mogilyov, competing in the 10th national winter championship at the cooled stadium of the Olympijskiy sports complex, scored 586 points out of the 600 in stake in the 25 m event, a new world best.

She thus set a new world record. The former record of 585 points belonged to Erika Wolfe of West Germany.

Winter Universiad

Participants in the ice-hockey semifinals of the World Junior Student Games to be held in the Italian town of Belluno have been selected. The Soviet team won the second preliminary match against Japanese team 13-2 and is now to take on the hockey team from the People's Republic of China.

Czechoslovakia will meet Finland in another semifinal match.

FRIENDLY MATCH

The USSR football team has played a friendly game in Florence [Italy] against the national junior team made up of 21 year-olds. The game ended 2-0 in favour of the Soviet team. The goals were scored by Alekhnov and Gavrilov during 21st and 40th minutes respectively.

DYNAMO OR CAC?

The second stage of the national ice-hockey top division championship will soon end and

the final stage will be played at the closing stage [between March 5 and 19] will decide the champion.

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Central Army Club edged Khimik 3-2.

Photo by Andrej Golovanov

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JOY HOLIDAY

The 60 km, Tartu ski marathon is one of the most popular in this country. This year, despite temperatures of -14°C and an icy wind, over 13,000 participants gathered at the starting line.

There have been very heavy frosts in February, said Chairman of the marathon Organizing Committee, A. Almanas, and we debated the need to move the marathon elsewhere but decided against breaking the tradition. We also held celebration of its opening at the Vanemuine Theatre, a six-kilometre minimarathon for 1-6 class pupils and the grand marathon. True, we hosted medical control, cut the itinerary by ten kilometres, and

advised children under 16 not to compete. Taking part in the 50 km race were top Estonian skiers, those who have quit competitive sport, as well as mere skating lovers — people of varying age and different occupations.

Winner, Artur Daniel, clocked 2 hr 41 min 47.7 sec.

The women's top awards went to a 20-year-old girl from Voru, Kristina Kiurde, who clocked 3 hr 15 min 06.5 sec. Though quite young, she has already twice won the republican title.

Yuri NOSOV
Photo by Voldemar Altsak

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Special interest surrounds the long contention between Dynamo (which lead the entire championship) and CAC (champions for the last few years). For a long time the latter lacked serious rivals. They have two equally strong attack trios, a pair of reliable defenders — Bilyal'etdinov and Pervukhin — and a worthy substitute for renowned Tsytyuk — Myshkin.

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This scene was captured by our photo correspondent Sergei Proskakov at the European Champions Cup match between CAC and Banco di Roma of Italy. CAC won 97-77.

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THE WORLD

STAKE ON TERROR

Washington. The US State Secretary George Shultz has made a speech in San Francisco in which he proclaimed that it is a "moral obligation" for the United States to take part in the attempts to overthrow the legitimate governments of independent countries which are not to the liking of Washington.

From the speech of the State Secretary it follows that it is a matter of support by the United States for anti-government gangs and groupings in such countries as Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, and Kampuchea. There should be no doubt left as regards where our sympathies lie, stated Shultz. He interpreted the policies of state terrorism and subversive activities against other states and peoples as "adherence" of the United States to freedom and democracy. At this, the State Secretary admitted that the support for counter-revolutionary forces in countries whose policies do not suit the United States answers Washington's interests. In many parts of the world, he said we have no other choice but to resort to actions proceeding from our strategic considerations. In the opinion of Shultz, the best example of this is the American invasion of the small and unarmed Grenada.

Shultz warned that if the US Congress does not give the administration additional means for financing the gangs of the Nicaraguan "contras", the White House will be making preparations for other forms of interference later in the domestic affairs of that country. If we do not undertake now relevant steps for the purpose of exerting pressure on the Sandinistas, he declared, later, when it will become impossible not to act, we shall possibly discover that the stakes and the risk will be further increased.

RIGHT TO LIVE

Stockholm. The urgent need to limit the nuclear arms race and to achieve disarmament has been outlined by the Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

Speaking at a press conference held here by the Youth Alliance of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, he said the build-up of nuclear armaments poses a tremendous threat to the basic right of man — the right to live. The use of nuclear weapons would mean not only nuclear-warrior states but other countries as well.

No alternative to detente

Vienna. The importance of the agreement reached between the USSR and the USA on the holding of talks on nuclear and outer-space weapons has been emphasized by the Federal Chancellor of Austria. Fred Sinowatz is a statement published in "Wiener Zeitung", the head of the Austrian Government stressed the necessity of a dialogue between

the East and the West which can serve the cause of peace and elimination of hotbeds of tension in different regions.

There is absolutely no alternative to the policy of detente, said the Federal Chancellor. Austria will continue to conduct policies against the arms race and the threat of nuclear war.

The consequences of the tragedy

Madras. Two and a half months after the leak of a highly toxic gas at the chemical factory in Bhopal, the consequences of this tragedy which claimed more than two and a half million human lives continue to tell. Many inhabitants of that city still apply to hospitals with complaints that their sight is impaired and the functions of

their respiratory organs are disrupted. The Institute of Social Sciences which, on a request from the authorities, is studying the consequences of the tragedy, has published a report with detailed information about the victims of the crime of the factory belonging to the American corporation, the Union Carbide.

This legal action is only part

VIEWPOINT

OLIVE BRANCH WITH THORNS

A year ago South Africa basically announced that "historical changes" were being effected in the African south. The Western press reported that the South African regime had been transformed into a peace-lover eager to establish genuine good-neighbourly relations with independent African states. As proof of this "positive" process reference was made to the so-called Nkoma Accord — an agreement on non-aggression and good-neighbourliness concluded on March 16, 1984, between the governments of South Africa and the People's Republic of Mozambique. One of the effects in this document stipulates that South Africa shall not allow any subversive activity from its territory against Mozambique. This, we may say, is written on paper. But, what actually happened

after the agreement had been signed and ratified? A tense military-political situation remains in southern Africa. The undeclared war against the "frontline states" is continuing, acts of banditry and organised terrorism are expanding. As President Samora Machel of Mozambique declared, there is plenty of evidence that the Nkoma Accord on non-aggression and good-neighbourliness is being violated from South African territory and countries bordering Mozambique. Thus, the olive branch offered by Pretoria to its neighbour is drawn with thorns rather than fruits.

Let us turn to facts. South African Air Force planes and helicopters constantly violate Mozambique's air space. In the dark of the night they drop cargoes with weapons, ammunition and other military equipment for the

rebel groups.

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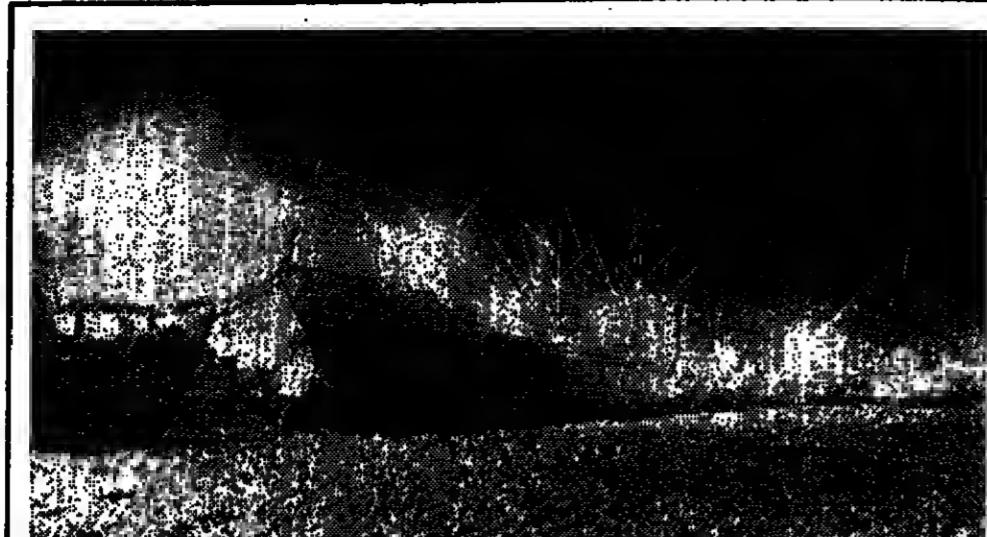
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Round the Soviet Union

SOVIET DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKERS ARE SHOOTING A SERIES OF FILMS ABOUT OUTSTANDING MILITARY LEADERS WHO COMMANDED SOVIET TROOPS IN THE BIGGEST BATTLES DURING THE WAR AGAINST HITLER'S GERMANY. The films will be dedicated to Vasilevsky, Rokosovsky, Malinovsky, Konev, Vatutin and other marshals and generals. On the eve of the 40th anniversary of Victory Day in Europe, the Soviet film industry has already released the film, "Marshal Zhukov"—under whose leadership the Stalingrad and other major battles in World War II were fought, including the Berlin operation.

"MOTHER'S EXPLOIT" IS THE TITLE OF A DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITION NOW IN PROGRESS IN ULYANOVSK. IT IS DEDICATED TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF MARIA ALEXANDROVNA ULYANOVA. Included in the display are nearly 150 rare photographs and illustrations of her contemporaries. The documents tell the story of the remarkable Russian woman, mother of the founder of the Communist Party and the Soviet State, Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov-Lenin. First visitors in the exhibition were tourists from Moscow, Leningrad, Tula, Pskov and other places.

FARMS IN THE MAIN AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF THE TRANSCAUCASIAN REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA HAVE RECEIVED SCIENTIFICALLY SUBSTANTIATED RECOMMENDATIONS TO OBTAIN WITH CARTOGRAMS CONTAINING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF UNUSED LANDS. They were compiled on the basis of a Master Plan for the rational use of the republic's land resources. Far Armenia, which experiences land scarcity, this work is of great practical significance. It is planned to develop thousands of hectares of rocky lands, raise crop yields and productivity of farms.



Mogadan (North-East USSR) commercial port at night.

BREAKING THE ICE IN THE NORTH



After difficult route through ice.

All-year-round navigation from the Dvortsov Sna to the Far Eastern seas is a matter of the future. But already the severe Arctic winter conditions are no obstacle to ship sailing along the Northern Sea Route stretching from west to east along the Soviet coastline.

Navigation in its Western section is open all the year round. In its north-eastern stretch powerful icebreakers pave the way for convoys through the ice. The icebreaker "Leningr", which has been working in the Arctic for more than 25 years, has covered over half a million miles, escorting ships.

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Sea transport lines of the North ensure a reliable supply of goods to the country's remote areas, including pipes for the development of oil and gas-bearing districts in Tyumen; equipment for hydro-power stations under construction on Siberian rivers; fuel; means of transportation, and so on.

The Northern fleet is steadily improving. Soon a new atomic icebreaker, the "Rostysl", will be added to it. It has already at its disposal specialized ships such as container-carriers, ro-ro and lighter ships.

40,000 robots by the end of 1985

The production of industrial manipulators is increasing in the Soviet Union. This year 11,000 such units will be produced, a 30 per cent more than expected by the five-year plan for 1981-85. Compared with 1980 the output has grown ten times.

By the end of 1985 there will be 40,000 robots in the country. They are used as conveyor-assembly lines, for servicing atomic reactors, for working in radioactive conditions, holding delicate parts with a hand-shaped gripper, etc.

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tection in the USSR is aimed to save people from potential hazards and maladies of hard work. Thus, a robot is the rival of a man doing him his job, but it is not a place where a man cannot work, etc.

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The USSR carries on its mobilization programme in cooperation with other CMEA member-countries. According to calculations by 1990 the sale of industrial robots in CMEA countries will make 200,000. For their production special plants are being set up incorporating the latest achievements of science and technology in this sphere.

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STORAGE FOR ELECTRICITY

A pumped-storage power station now under construction at Leningrad will consume 15% of the energy of thermal and nuclear power stations in the making of the country and return it during the day at peak loads.

The station which will be built on a high hill near the Sheksna River, will have eight units with a capacity of 200,000 kW each. At night they will be pumping water into the reservoir on top of the hill and at peak hours use it for the generation of electric energy.

Gold decorations from the Olverovo-lope treasure-trove (1st-2nd c.)

Great popularity is enjoyed by Uzbek embroidery in gold. In the past workmen embroidering in gold were personal properties

of the Bukhara emir, and only men could work in them. The best products from the needles of embroiderers to gold such as emir's garments, coverlets, and skull caps can be seen at the museum.

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